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"HAND ACCESS PORT DEVICE"  
GAYA LIMITED

Dear Ms. Pakstys,

Thank you for your facsimile letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2000.

I confirm that we have attended to the payment of the additional search fees in respect of claims 6-13, 14-42 and 43-62.

I also confirm that we have attended to the filing of the Demand for Preliminary Examination at the European Patent Office, the International Preliminary Examination Authority (IPEA). Accordingly, under PCT Regulations, entry into the national and regional phases of the application in the designated states can be delayed until 30th January 2002.

In view of the finding of lack of unity of the invention, we may be required at a later date to pay additional examination fees.

I shall let you know when further developments occur. Meanwhile, I enclose our Debit Note for attending to the filing of the Demand for Preliminary Examination.

Yours sincerely,

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